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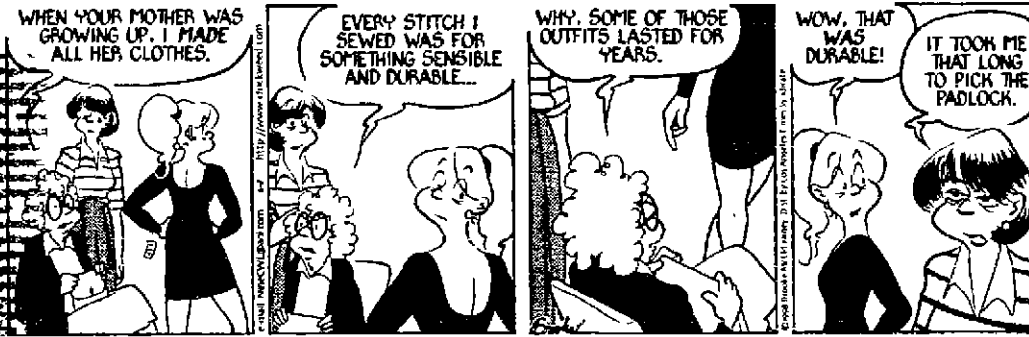
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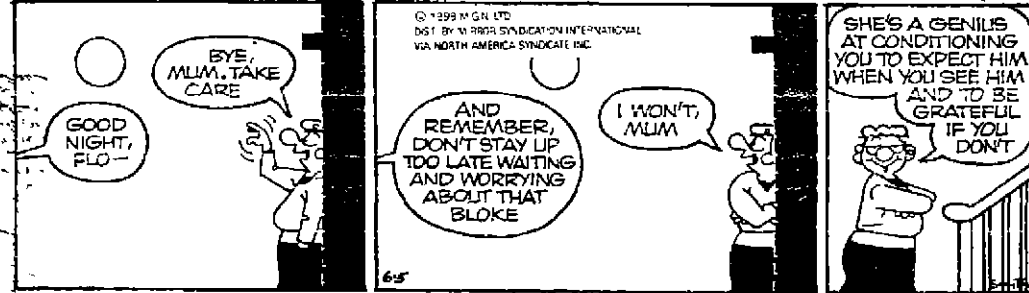
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9 CHICKWEED LANE



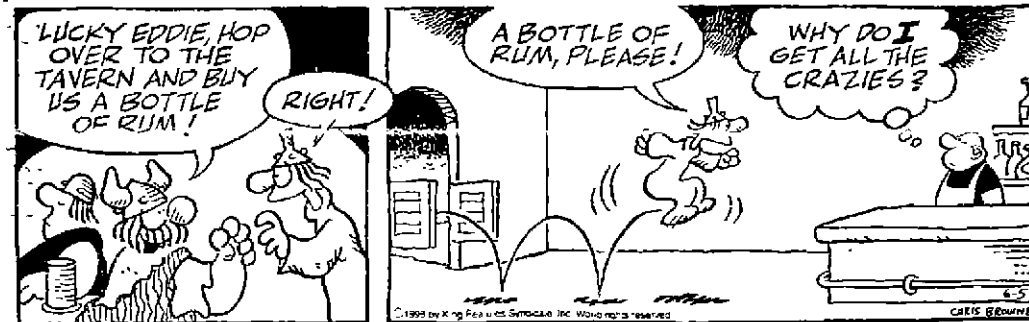
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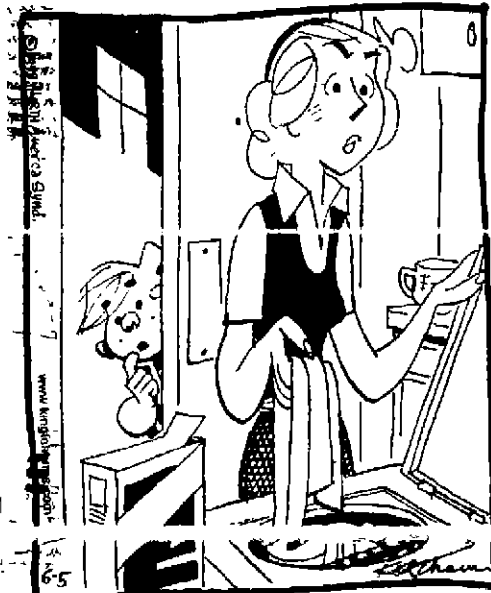
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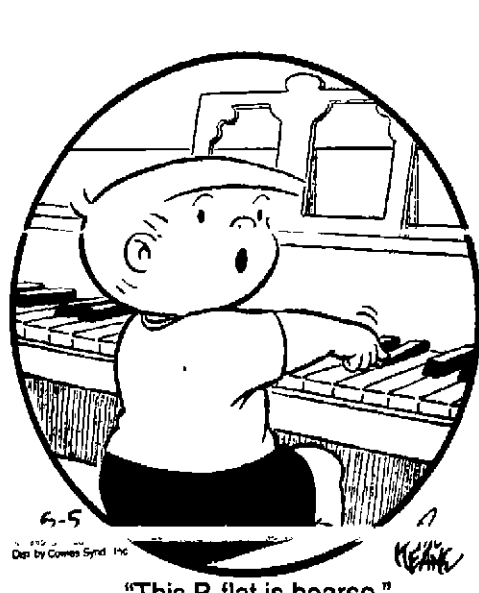
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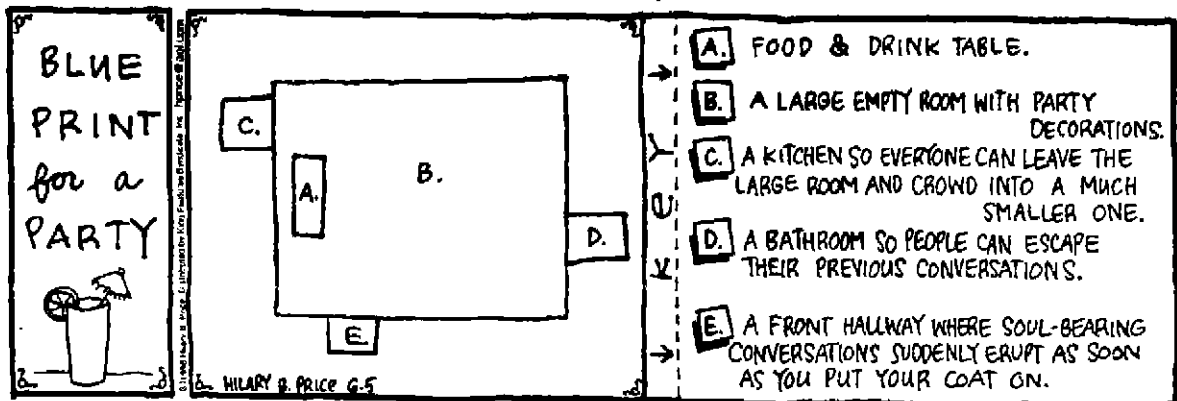
BENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



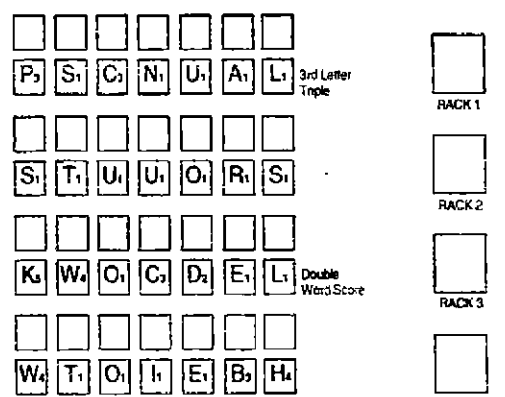
Today's Birthdays

Actor Spalding Gray is 57
Rhythm-and-blues singer Floyd Butler (Friends of Distinction) is 57
Musician Fred Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 52
Rock singer Laurie Anderson is 51
Rock musician Nicko McBrain (Iron Maiden) is 44
Jazz musician Kenny G is 42
Singer Brian McKnight is 29
Actor Mark Wahlberg is 27
Actor Chad Allen ("Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman") is 24.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 140-150
by JUDD
FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 6-5-98 © 1998, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH



Thursday's unlisted clue: MARIS
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: BILL HICKOK
Buffalo Duck Pecos Tax
Civil rights Finance Play Treasury
Cross Horn Show Twin
Dollar Overdue Spoon
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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, June 6, 1998
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're not looking forward to that heart-to-heart chat with a family member. However, if you just come clean, everything will calm down.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You flit from task to task, handling all deftly. A late-day social outing runs into the evening hours.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Some peace and quiet is just what you need. You can sort out your thoughts and plan your next moves.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're in for a special treat when a friend calls with an invitation. If you don't accept, you miss out on an exciting time.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Some are lucky enough to indulge in a romantic weekend getaway. Others stick close to home base and tend to chores.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're ready for a much-needed break in the action. It's a day of simply indulging in relaxation and daydreaming.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're in a very creative mood and turn your hand at something you always wanted to try. This takes you by surprise because you seem to have a talent for this.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You need to give some careful consideration to a friend's proposal. It sounds a bit rash to you, so it probably is.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're upset when a child comes back at you with a smart remark. Instead of lashing out in anger, try reasoning.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You're on your best social behavior during an outing. Later, don't think you can let your hair down completely.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Putting a loved one's needs first is admirable. Just be sure this person isn't manipulating you.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If you're not careful, you'll wind up breaking that very thing you set out to fix. Getting frustrated and sloppy is a mistake.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff
"I had a near-maximum opening with a great fit," claimed North. "I was sure you would make the slam." "I would have," admitted South. "But I needed a 2-2 break in diamonds to get the job done." Do you agree with South's analysis? South took dummy's heart ace and drew trumps. Wasting little time, South led a diamond to dummy's ace and winced when East's king dropped. No matter, it was too late to try anything else. So South led another diamond, hoping for the K-Q doubleton with East. This gave West two diamond winners, and the slam went down in near-record time. How should South play the slam to neutralize the bad diamond break? He should guard against a possible 3-1 diamond break. (He can't win against a 4-0 break.) After winning dummy's heart ace, South should ruff the heart queen and cash the ace and jack of trumps. He cashes the three high clubs in dummy and ruffs dummy's last club. With hearts and clubs eliminated from his hand and dummy, South leads a low diamond toward dummy, intending to duck if West plays any honor. When West plays low, he inserts dummy's seven, and East takes his king. Reduced only to the heart suit, East must give South a ruff and sluff, eliminating one of South's diamond losers. Had East been able to lead a diamond, South would have made his slam, unless East had been dealt the K-Q-10.

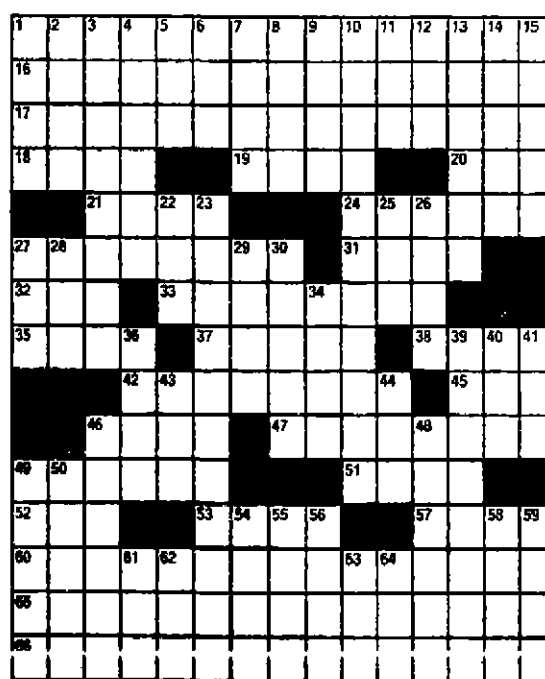
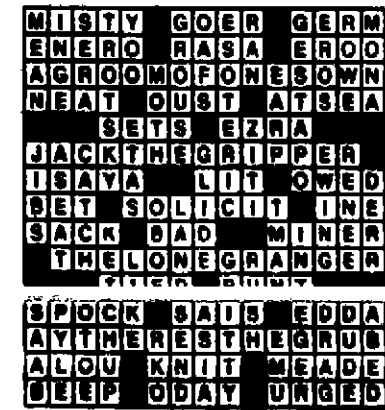
NORTH 05-46-A
AKJ53
AQ
A87
AKQ6
WEST EAST
6 87
10 9 8 7 KJ6542
Q 10 3 K
J 7 5 4 2 K 10 9 8 3
SOUTH
AQ 10 9 4 2
3
J 9 6 5 4 2
Vulnerable: Both
Dealer North
The bidding:
North East South West
2 NT Pass 6 All pass
Opening lead: Heart 10

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0424

- ACROSS
1 Secret weapon
16 View
17 Brunch order
18 Pisan pronoun
19 Large knife
20 Mini feature?
21 Profess
24 Double-dealing
27 Wicked places
31 Poet portrayed by Vincent Price in "Son of Sinbad"
32 Have it bad?
33 Leading Edinburgh newspaper, with "The"
38 Scope
37 1971 Fonda-Sutherland film
39 Second
42 Ravage
43 Drill bit?
45 5-Down source
47 Meaningful
49 Perspicacity
51 Scope
52 Didn't hold
53 Join hands?
57 First name in lexicography
60 Cause trouble
65 "The Good-Natur'd Man" playwright
66 Site of Trinity University
2 Ending with bi- or tri-
3 Not permanent
4 Fleet runner
5 It's made from 46-Across
6 Switch ups?
7 Slangy denials
8 College much seen in crosswords
9 "— nerve!"
10 Place for a needle
11 — Bad Wolf of comic books
12 Toronto-to-Ottawa dir.
13 Flexible reply to an offer
14 Nay-sayer, perhaps
15 Kind of aircraft
22 Overhead lines
23 Weekend college event
25 Ethan's "Gattaca" co-star
26 See-through item
27 Wether report?
28 Cause of irritation
29 — me
30 Perplex
31 Alpha, e.g.
32 Note in Haydn's "The Creation"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- Puzzle by Martin Armstrong-Smith
39 Resort near Mont Blanc
40 Small incubator
41 Get off the fence
43 Obsolete preposition
44 "I" for Claudius
46 Start to pay attention
48 — de la Frontera (town near Cadiz)
50 "Cheers" role
54 Maracaibo or Tricaca, e.g.
56 By and by
58 Hungarian sheepdog
59 Official records
59 Sneaky laughs
61 Modern music prize
62 Wallet bill
63 Swear words?
64 Rapid transit
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